

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 13 are amended. No new matter is added.

I. Advisory Action

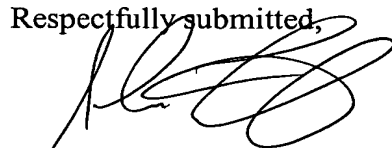
Applicants appreciate the suggestion in the outstanding Advisory Action to amend claim 1 "to be directed towards the brake arts". As claim 1 is amended, as suggested, Applicants submit that all of claims 1-15 are distinguished from the applied references of record. Accordingly, claims 1-15 are in condition for allowance.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-15 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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